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 Examining Group. 2654

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For : **SPEECH CODING APPARATUS AND SPEECH
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Sir:

Transmitted herewith is a **Response under 37 C.F.R. 1.116** in the above-captioned application.

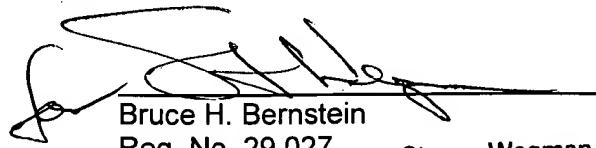
- Small Entity Status of this application under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a previously filed statement.
 A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 C.F.R. 1.9 and 1.27 is enclosed.
 A Request for Extension of Time.
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Sir:

In response to the Final Official Action of October 12, 2005, in which a three-month shortened statutory period for response was set to expire on January 12, 2006, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth in the above-mentioned Final Official Action in view of the herein contained amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the Claims begin on page 2 of this Response.

Remarks begin on page 11 of this Response.